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Transmitted herewith for filing by Express Mail is the complete patent application of Neal H. Rothenbuhler of Acme, Washington, entitled PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR A FIELD APPARATUS. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/444,589, filed January 31, 2003.

- X 1. An application for patent consisting of 12 pages of specification, including the claims and Abstract of the Disclosure, and 3 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X 2. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is not attached. Please file this application in the name of the inventor listed above.
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| Basic Fee | | | | | | , | 385 |
| Total Claims | 16 - 20 | = | 0 | X | 9 | = | 0 |
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